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DRAFTED BY S/P:PHKREISBERG
APPROVED BY S/P:ALAKE
EA - MR. GLEYSTEEN
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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: JA, US, OGEN

SUBJECT: JAPAN-US PLANNING TALKS

1. S/P LAKE INFORMED MINISTER NISHIDA TODAY THAT BECAUSE OF PREPARATIONS FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATY SIGNING NEXT WEEK AND SECRETARY'S POSTPONEMENT OF HIS TRIP TO VIENNA, AS WELL AS PRESS OF CERTAIN PROJECTS ON WHICH HE IS WORKING, HE AND SENIOR STATE OFFICIALS HAD CONCLUDED IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO PARTICIPATE PERSONALLY IN PLANNING TALKS NEXT WEEK IN TOKYO (NIKKO). LAKE EXPRESSED DEEP PERSONAL REGRET AT UNEXPECTED NECESSITY TO CHANGE PLANS AT LAST MINUTE AND SUGGESTED EITHER THAT S/P DEPUTY KREISBERG LEAD US SIDE IN DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK, WITH LAKE MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF GOJ DELBGATION TO UNGA IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER AND SEPARATE LAKE VISIT JAPAN AT SOME SUBSEQUENT TIME, OR THAT TALKS BE POSTPONED TO LATER (BUT UNSPECIFIED) DATE. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON TALKS, LAKE SUGGESTED PROCEEDING NOW, BUT SAID THAT WE WOULD BE GUIDED BY JAPANESE PREFERENCE.
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2. NISHIDA EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING LAKE'S REMAINING IN WASHINGTON AND SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM MFA IN TOKYO AND REQUEST ADVICE ON WHICH COURSE MINISTRY PREFERRED. HE SAID HE WOULD EMPHASIZE LAKE'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

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3. WE WOULD PREFER AT THIS TIME THAT EMBASSY NOT RPT
NOT APPROACH MFA SINCE NISHIDA HAS TOLD LAKE HE WOULD
BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH HIM DIRECTLY ON THURSDAY. CHRISTOPHER

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